

## **Topic: Freezing a Station “After the Fact” in Advance of a Fire Season**

Everyone should have ended last season by changing the herbaceous condition to frozen for each of their weather stations. If you didn't do it, it is a good idea to do it before you start work on the current year. Certainly by early to mid March, even if your stations are still covered by snow, you should change the herbaceous state to pre-green and begin entering daily observations to gain the effect of spring rain or melting snow has on the larger dead fuels.

- This is for situations in which one has either neglected or forgotten to freeze their weather station(s) over the winter and is going back to freeze them for the first time sometime the next spring
- Select an appropriate date for your station based on when cold temperatures have killed herbaceous plants and forced woody fuels into dormancy. Even if this has not occurred, stations **MUST** be frozen for at least one day per year to reset the carryover values.